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A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a.

 is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. Is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. is attachedhereto. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7.
Amendmentsto the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. I have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. \square have not been made and will not be made. 8. \square An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. 🖾 An oath or declaration of the inventor(s)(35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. □ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concerndocument(s)or information 11. An InformationDisclosureStatementunder 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignmentdocumentfor recording. A separatecover sheet in compliancewith 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminaryamendment. 14. An applicationData Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitutespecification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequencelisting in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. 🖾 Other items or information: Verification of Translator that the English translation of Int'l Application PCT/EP2003/012129 is a true and correct translation.

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I, Donald Joseph Edgar Mullen of 734 London Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1HQ, UK, herewith confirm that I am conversant with the German and English languages and am a competent translator thereof, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the attached translation of International PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/12129 is a true and correct English translation of said Patent Application.

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